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SUBJ: GOE ATTACK ON LIBYAN ALLEGATIONS OF SUPPORT TO EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 3151; TRIPOLI 562

1. SHARP ATTACK ON QADHAAFI APPEARS IN MAY 24 AHARAM, WHICH PUBLISHES WHAT IT SAYS IS "SECRET LETTER" SENT BY SADAT TO RCC AFTER OCTOBER WAR. LETTER IS REFUTATION OF RECENT LIBYAN CLAIMS (IN TRIPOLI DAILY AL-FATAH OF MAY 15, AND APPARENTLY REPEATED AT ARAB DEFENSE COUNCIL--TRIPOLI REFTEL) OF HAVING PROVIDED MAJOR SUPPORT TO ARAB FORCES DURING OCTOBER WAR. ACCORDING TO LETTER: SOME WEEKS BEFORE OCTOBER WAR, QADHAAFI STATED PUBLICLY THAT ANY WAR WOULD BE A CATASTROPHE FOR ARABS; DURING THE WAR, QADHAAFI CONTINUED TO PREDICT CATASTROPHE AND SAID HE WOULD ONLY GIVE FINANCIAL AID FOR THE BATTLE;

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EGYPTIAN REQUESTS FOR LIBYAN ASSISTANCE BEFORE AND DURING THE

WAR WERE ONLY PARTLY MET--IN SPECIFIC, LIBYA DID NOT PAY AS REQUIRED FOR MIRAGE EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR EGYPT, AND REFUSED TO PROVIDE REQUESTED PETROLEUM TO EGYPT AFTER THE FIGHTING HAD STOPPED. LETTER FURTHER SAYS THAT LIBYA HAS NOT PAID JANUARY AND APRIL 1974 KHARTOUM SUBSIDY INSTALLMENTS, AND HAS ONLY DELIVERED HALF OF A \$60 MILLION GIFT PROMISED BEFORE THE WAR. IT STATES: "QADHAAFI'S SOLE EXCUSE IS THAT HE HAS NEVER ENGAGED IN WAR AND HAS NEVER WITNESSED FIGHTING."

2. COMMENT: CAIRO REFTTEL SUGGESTED THAT VIS-A-VIS LIBYA, GOE MAY HAVE DECIDED TO TAILOR LEVEL OF ITS RESPONSE TO THE LEVEL OF PROVOCATION. ABOVE LETTER FITS THIS PATTERN, AND IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT SADAT IS NO LONGER INCLINED TO BE PATIENT WITH QADHAAFI.
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